

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 ( Original ): A method for examining a caries risk with a characteristics of;

- identifying a genotype of DRB1\* in a class II type of a HLA gene group.

Claim 2 ( Currently Amended ): The method for examining the caries risk with the characteristics of

identifying the genotype of DRB1\* in the class II type of the HLA gene group according to Claim 1, wherein the identified genotype is compared with the caries risk, which is identified beforehand, derived from an antibody value of a secretory immunoglobulin A in human saliva against antigen, in which a synthetic protein having an amino acid sequence composed of a following formula is used as the antigen.

[Formula 1] (SEQ ID NO:1)

Asn Ala Lys Ala Thr Tyr Glu Ala Ala Leu Lys Gln Tyr  
Glu Ala Asp Leu Ala Ala Val Lys Lys Ala Asn Ala Ala